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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: STATUS OF UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

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1. REASONABLY WELL CONNECTED SOURCE TOLD USINT OFFICER JULY 15 THAT MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE CONSIDERING BIDS ON REF PROJECT HAVE NARROWED CHOICE TO TWO US FIRMS: (A) PERKINS AND WILL AND (B) CAUDILL ROWLETT SCOTT. WHEN ASKED HOW RECONCILE THIS WITH MISSION OF JAWAD MAJEED AL-AUBAIDI (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS) TO ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (PART OF HGH CONSORTIUM)--OF WHICH SOURCE AWARE--HE SAID AUBAIDI TRIP WAS SMOKE SCREEN OF NO SIGNIFICANCE.

2. COMMENT: IS PLAUSIBLE TO SURMISE THAT EXCELLENT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY NUMBER OF US FIRMS PLUS US'S OBVIOUS EMINENCE IN THIS FIELD ASSURE AMERICAN FIRMS WILL BE AMONG THE LEADERS BEING CONSIDERED FOR TURNKEY-PLUS PROJECT. WE WILL NO DOUBT BE INUNDATED BY GROWING VOLUME OF RUMORS AND COMMITTEE CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY ONE COMPETITOR OFF AGAINST ANOTHER TO GET A BETTER PRICE.

3. PASS ABOVE TO AFFECTED U.S. FIRMS AT DISCRETION.

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